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68/273. High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The General Assembly,

Emphasizing that the Convention on the Rights of the Child[1] constitutes the standard in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child, and, bearing in mind the importance of the Optional Protocols to the Convention,[2] calling for their universal ratification and effective implementation, as well as that of other human rights instruments,

Welcoming the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the human rights treaty with the most ratifications in history, and acknowledging that the Convention and the Optional Protocols thereto contain a comprehensive set of international legal standards for the protection and well-being of children,

Recognizing that, while progress has been made, the situation of children is critical in many parts of the world and many challenges remain to ensure the full realization of their rights, and that, in this regard, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is an occasion for States to reflect on implementation gaps and to undertake additional measures to ensure the rights of children,

1. *Decides* to convene a high-level meeting on 20 November 2014 on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[1] and that the high-level meeting shall comprise an opening plenary meeting and an interactive panel discussion with the meaningful participation of children;

2. *Decides also* that, in addition to the participation of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

[2] Ibid., vols. 2171 and 2173, No. 27531; and resolution 66/138, annex.

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Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children, the Chair of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and Member States speaking on behalf of regional groups, shall address the high-level meeting at its opening meeting;

3. *Decides further* that the interactive panel discussion shall be chaired by two Member States, at the invitation of the President of the General Assembly, after consultations with regional groups;

4. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, in a transparent manner and in consultation with Member States, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to finalize the organizational arrangements for the high-level meeting, including identification of the theme and panellists for the interactive panel discussion, with due regard to gender balance and equitable geographical distribution, as well as the meaningful participation of children;

5. *Encourages* all Member and observer States and observers to be represented at the high-level meeting at the highest possible level and to include children and young persons in their delegations;

6. *Invites* all relevant United Nations entities and other relevant intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations to participate in the high-level meeting at the highest possible level;

7. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of interested representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council who may participate in the high-level meeting;

8. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly, in a timely manner, to draw up a list of representatives of non-governmental organizations accredited to or in a collaborative relationship or partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund, as well as of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, who may participate in the high-level meeting, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, for submission to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis, and to bring the list to the attention of the General Assembly;

9. *Further requests* the President of the General Assembly, with support from the United Nations Children's Fund, to prepare a summary of the high-level meeting and to bring the summary to the attention of Member States, relevant United Nations entities and other stakeholders.

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